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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

KUIKEN ET AL.

Examiner

Peng Ke

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 July 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 19-26, 37 and 40-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 19-26, 37 and 40-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 05/09/05  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

This action is responsive to communications: Amendment, filed on 7/20/05.

This action is final.

Claims 1-8, 19-26, 37, and 40-46 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 19, and 37 are independent claims. In the Amendment, filed on 7/20/05 claims 1, 19 and 37 were amended. Claims 40-46 were added.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-8, 19-26, 37, and 40-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roytman et al. US Patent 6,356,282 in view of Outlook.

As per claim 1, Roytman et al teach a method for generating an event monitoring display, comprising:

receiving an event message, wherein the event message has associated therewith an identifier; (see Roytman, column 7, lines 45-50)

responsive to receipt of the event message inserting the event message into a field adjacent to a previous event message with the same identifier, whereby messages with the same identifier, whereby appear in an order; (see Roytman, column 9, lines 35-68)

presenting the field; (see Roytman, column 9, lines 1-35) and

responsive to insertion of the event message, automatically scrolling the field so that the event message is visible. (see Roytman, column 9, lines 35-68)

However Roytman fails to teach sorting the data chronologically.

Outlook teaches sorting the data chronologically. (See outlook page 2, items 2 and 4)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Outlook's teaching with method Roytman in order to allow user to sort through the alarm messages under the same identifier chronologically.

As per claim 2, Roytman and outlook teach the method of claim 1. Roytman further teaches wherein the event messages in the field appear in ascending order based on the identifier. (see Roytman, column 11, lines 19-25)

As per claim 3, Roytman teaches the method of claim 1 wherein messages in the field appear in descending order based on the identifier. (see Roytman, column 11, lines 19-25)

As per claim 4, Roytman and outlook teach the method of claim 1. Roytman teaches wherein the step of inserting the event message into the field comprises inserting the event message after the previous message with the same identifier, whereby messages with the same identifier appear in ascending order. (see Roytman, column 11, lines 19-25)

As per claim 5, Roytman and outlook teach the method of claim 1. Roytman further teaches wherein the step of inserting the event, message into the field comprises inserting the

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event message before the previous message with the same identifier, whereby messages with the same identifier appear in descending chronological order. (see Roytman, column 11, lines 35-68, and column 11, lines 19-25)

As per claim 6, Roytman and outlook teach the method of claim 1. Outlook further teaches a identifier comprises an identification and a sub identification.. (See outlook page 2, items 2 and 4)

As per claim 7, Roytman and outlook teach the method of claim 1. Roytman further teaches wherein the event message comprises a text message and the field is a text field. (see Roytman, column 8, lines 35-68)

As per claim 8, Roytman and outlook teach the method of claim 1. Outlook further teaches wherein the event message includes at least one of sound data, image data, and video data. (see Outlook page 5, item 7)

As per claim 19, it is rejected with the same rationale as claim 1. Supra.

As per claim 20-26, they are of the same scope as claim 2-8. Supra.

As per claim 37, it is rejected with the same rationale as claim 1. Supra.

As per claim 40-46, they are of the same scope as claim 2-8. Supra.

***Response to Argument***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8, 19-26, 37, and 40-46 have been considered but are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

***Contact Information***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peng Ke whose telephone number is (571) 272-4062. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and Alternate Fridays 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine L. Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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